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Mr. Daniel Boguslaw
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Reference: F-2019-00619

Dear Mr. Boguslaw:

This acknowledges receipt of your 5 December 2018 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received in the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator on 6 December 2018, for **any documents, investigation findings, memorandums, or communications that mention the RAF, Red Army Faction, Rote Armee Fraktion, or the Baader Meinhoff Group**. We have assigned your request the reference number above. Please use this number when corresponding so that we can identify it easily.

Your request as currently written is not reasonably described and cannot be searched. As set forth in the FOIA, a proper FOIA request must “reasonably describe” the records sought. Pursuant to CIA’s FOIA regulations, set forth at 32 CFR Part 1900, “reasonably described” means that the records must be described sufficiently to enable professional employees familiar with the subject matter to locate responsive information with a reasonable amount of effort.

At this time, we cannot propose a recommendation to revise your request in a way that would allow us to conduct a proper search for responsive records. Therefore, we encourage you to refine your request in a way that provides us with more clarity about the description of the records you seek to enable us to conduct a reasonable search for responsive records, or attempt to provide more clarity in your request that may assist us in suggesting a proposed search recommendation. Please also include a specific narrowed date range.

For example, we can search for information about particular incidents or events that are identifiable by a date or at a precise location within a specific date range. We can search if you describe a specific activity surrounding the activity within a date range; we can search for specific reports by title concerning topics within a date range; we can search for biographic reports on specific individuals within a date range; we can search for intelligence reports or finished intelligence reports concerning specific topics within a date

range. We suggest that you describe exactly what it is you wish to obtain in your request on that specific topic.

We will hold your request for 45 days from the date of this letter pending your response. If we do not hear from you by 02/19/2019, we will assume you are not interested in our suggested modification or you are unable to provide additional clarity. Therefore, we will close your request as it is not reasonably described. However, you are welcome to submit this request in the future if you are able to obtain more information, or agree to our modification at which time we will again try to assist you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Allison Fong', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Allison Fong
Information and Privacy Coordinator